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Patent Application of:

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For: DESIGN PARAMETER MANAGING
METHOD, DESIGN PARAMETER
MANAGING SYSTEM, PROGRAM AND
COMPUTER READABLE RECORDING
MEDIUM

Examiner: A. SAXENA

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicant provides the following comments.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain allowed in connection with the present application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the reasons for allowance are phrased in terms of a method whereas the allowed claims include not only method claim 1, but also computer program claim 7, and computerized design parameter system claims 2-6 and 8, and that these different statutory classes of claims (computer program claims and system claims) are patentable even if

they do not claim method steps.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that the language “other that,” which is found in the statement of reasons for allowance is not found in method claim 1, having been removed by an RCE Amendment filed on August 16, 2010, and is not found in system claim 2; and that the language “which is performed to manage,” while mentioned in the reasons for allowance, is only found in method claim 1 but is not found in system claim 2.

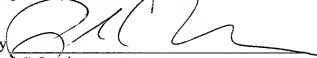
Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-8 are allowable regardless of these aforementioned differences in the claims and in the statement of reasons for allowance.

Should there be any matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert J. Webster, Registration Number 46,472, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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